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What is claimed is:

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1. A communication control apparatus of a CDMA base station system, comprising:

a control section which generates a first transmission start signal to instruct start of software hand-over for a mobile station which is communicating; and

a transmission signal processing section
which determines a current time period from at least

10 one previous time period in response to said first
transmission start signal, and generates a second
transmission start signal after the determined current
time period from reception of said first transmission
start signal, said at least one previous time period

15 being measured in said transmission signal processing
section.

wherein a transmission signal is transmitted from said communication control apparatus to said communicating mobile station in response to said second transmission start signal.

- The communication control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmission signal processing section further comprises a memory area,
- said transmission signal processing section determines said current time period from said at least one previous time period stored in said memory area.

- 3. The communication control apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said transmission signal processing section receives a reply signal to said transmission signal as a synchronization establishment signal from said communicating mobile station, determines a time period from the generation of said second transmission start signal to the reception of said synchronization establishment signal and stores the determined time period as said previous time
 10 period in said memory area.
 - 4. The communication control apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said memory area is provided for every mobile station.

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5. The communication control apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said memory area is cleared if said memory area is not accessed for a predetermined time.

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6. The communication control apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said memory area is allocated to another mobile station after said memory area is cleared.

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7. The communication control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said communication control

apparatus is provided for a plurality of sectors,

said software hand-over is carried out between first and second sectors of said plurality of sectors, and

- 5 said communicating mobile phone is communicating in said first sector.
- The communication control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein there are a plurality of previous
 time periods, and

said transmission signal processing section determines said current time period from an addition of all of said plurality of previous time periods.

- 15 9. The communication control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmission signal processing section determines said current time period from said previous time period immediately before.
- 20 10. The communication control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmission signal processing section comprises:

a memory area which is provided for said
mobile station to store said at least one previous
25 time period;

a transmission control signal generating section which reads out said at least one previous

time period from the memory area to determine said current time period; and

a timing generating section which contains a first counter and outputs said second transmission start signal when a counter value of said first counter and said current time period are coincident with each other, and

said transmission control signal generating section receives said second transmission start signal from said timing generating section and outputs said second transmission start signal.

11. The communication control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmission signal processing 15 section comprises:

a memory area which is provided for said mobile station to store said at least one previous time period;

a transmission control signal generating

20 section which reads out said at least one previous

time period from the memory area in response to said
first transmission start signal to determine said
current time period;

a timing generating section which contains a

25 first counter and outputs said second transmission

start signal when a counter value of said first

counter and said current time period are coincident

with each other:

a transmission timing counter which contains a second counter and latches a second counter value of said second counter in response to said second transmission start signal;

a synchronization timing counter which contains a third counter and latches a third counter value of said third counter in response to a reply signal to said transmission signal as a

10 synchronization establishment signal from said mobile station; and

a timing measuring section which reads said second counter value from said transmission timing counter and reads said third counter value from said synchronization timing counter in response to said synchronization establishment signal, and calculates a difference between said second counter value and said third counter value as a time period, and

said transmission control signal generating

20 section which receives and transfer said second

transmission start signal from said timing generating
section and stores the calculated time period as said
previous time period in said memory area.

25 12. The communication control apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmission signal processing section comprises:

a memory area which is provided for said mobile station to store said at least one previous time period;

a transmission control signal generating

section which reads out said at least one previous

time period from the memory area in response to said

first transmission start signal to determine said

current time period;

a timing measuring section; and

a timing generating section which contains a first counter, and outputs said second transmission start signal and the count value of said first counter as a first transmission counter value to said timing measuring section, when a counter value of said first counter and said current time period are coincident with each other, and outputs the count value of said first counter as a synchronization first counter value to said timing measuring section in response to a reply signal to said transmission signal as a synchronization establishment signal from said mobile station,

said timing measuring section calculates a time period as a difference between the first transmission counter value and the synchronization first counter value in response to said synchronization establishment signal, and

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said transmission control signal generating

section receives and transfers said second transmission start signal from said timing generating section, and stores the calculated time period as said previous time period in said memory area.

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13. The communication control apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said transmission signal processing section further comprises:

a timing comparing section which outputs the

10 calculated time period to said transmission control

signal generating section when said calculated time

period outputted from said timing measuring section is

equal to or less than a reference value set

previously.

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14. The communication control apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said transmission signal processing section further comprises:

a timing comparing section which outputs the calculated time period to said transmission control signal generating section when said calculated time period outputted from said timing measuring section is equal to or less than a reference value set previously.

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15. A CDMA base station system, comprising:
a control section which generates a first

transmission start signal to instruct start of software hand-over for a mobile station which is communicating;

a transmission signal processing section

5 which determines a current time period from at least one previous time period in response to said first transmission start signal, and generates a second transmission start signal after the determined current time period from reception of said first transmission

10 start signal, said at least one previous time period being measured in said transmission signal processing section;

antennas which are provided to communicate with said communicating mobile station;

spreading sections, a selected one of which
generates a spread signal obtained by carrying out a
spreading process to a transmission base band signal
in response to said second transmission start signal,
said spread signal being transmitted to said
communicating mobile state through one of said
antennas corresponding to said selected spreading
section: and

despreading sections, one of which
corresponds to said selected spreading section and

25 carries out synchronization detection of a reception
signal from said communicating mobile station and
generates a synchronization establishment signal.

16. The communication control apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said transmission signal processing section further comprises a memory area,

said transmission signal processing section

5 determines said current time period from said at least

one previous time period stored in said memory area.

- 17. The communication control apparatus according to claim 16, wherein said transmission signal
- 10 processing section receives a reply signal to said transmission signal as said synchronization establishment signal from said communicating mobile station, determines a time period from the generation of said second transmission start signal to the
- 15 reception of said synchronization establishment signal and stores the determined time period as said previous time period in said memory area.
- 18. The communication control apparatus according
 20 to claim 15, wherein said transmission signal
 processing section comprises:

a memory area which is provided for said mobile station to store said at least one previous time period;

a transmission control signal generating section which reads out said at least one previous time period from the memory area to determine said

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current time period; and

a timing generating section which contains a first counter and outputs said second transmission start signal when a counter value of said first counter and said current time period are coincident with each other, and

said transmission control signal generating section receives said second transmission start signal from said timing generating section and outputs said second transmission start signal.

- 19. The communication control apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the transmission signal processing section comprises:
- a memory area which is provided for said mobile station to store said at least one previous time period;
- a transmission control signal generating section which reads out said at least one previous

 20 time period from the memory area in response to said first transmission start signal to determine said current time period;

a timing generating section which contains a first counter and outputs said second transmission

5 start signal when a counter value of said first counter and said current time period are coincident with each other;

a transmission timing counter which contains a second counter and latches a second counter value of said second counter in response to said second transmission start signal;

5 a synchronization timing counter which contains a third counter and latches a third counter value of said third counter in response to a reply signal to said transmission signal as a synchronization establishment signal from said mobile 10 station; and

a timing measuring section which reads said second counter value from said transmission timing counter and reads said third counter value from said synchronization timing counter in response to said synchronization establishment signal, and calculates a difference between said second counter value and said third counter value as a time period, and

said transmission control signal generating section which receives and transfer said second

transmission start signal from said timing generating section and stores the calculated time period as said previous time period in said memory area.

20. The communication control apparatus according 25 to claim 15, wherein the transmission signal processing section comprises:

a memory area which is provided for said

mobile station to store said at least one previous time period;

a transmission control signal generating section which reads out said at least one previous time period from the memory area in response to said first transmission start signal to determine said current time period;

a timing measuring section; and

a timing generating section which contains a

10 first counter, and outputs said second transmission

start signal and the count value of said first counter

as a first transmission counter value to said timing

measuring section, when a counter value of said first

counter and said current time period are coincident

15 with each other, and outputs the count value of said

first counter as a synchronization first counter value

to said timing measuring section in response to a

reply signal to said transmission signal as a

synchronization establishment signal from said mobile

20 station,

said timing measuring section calculates a time period as a difference between the first transmission counter value and the synchronization first counter value in response to said

25 synchronization establishment signal, and

said transmission control signal generating section receives and transfers said second

transmission start signal from said timing generating section, and stores the calculated time period as said previous time period in said memory area.

5 21. A communication control method in a CDMA base station system, comprising:

generating a first transmission start signal
to instruct software hand-over between a first sector
and a second sector different from the first sector in
10 which a mobile station which is communicating;

generating a second transmission start signal with a current time period in response to said first transmission start signal; and

transmitting to said communicating mobile

15 station, a spread signal which is obtained by carrying out a spreading process to a transmission base band signal in response to said second transmission start signal.

20 22. The communication control method according to claim 21, wherein said generating a second transmission start signal comprises:

reading out at least one transmission time value corresponding to said communicating mobile

25 station from a memory area in response to said first transmission start signal;

determining said current time period from the

read out at least one transmission time value; and generating said second transmission start signal when a counter value of a first counter and the determined current time period are coincident with each other.

23. The communication control method according to claim 22, further comprising:

generating a synchronization establishment

10 signal from a reception signal received from said

communicating mobile station;

determining said transmission time value based on said synchronization establishment signal and said first transmission start signal; and

- storing the determined transmission time value in said memory area.
- 24. The communication control method according to claim 23, wherein said determining said transmission
 20 time value comprises:

holding a second counter value of a second counter in response to said second transmission start signal;

holding a third counter value of a third

25 counter in response to said synchronization

establishment signal; and

calculating said transmission time value from

said second counter value and said third counter value.

25. The communication control method according to
5 claim 23, wherein said storing the determined
transmission time value comprises:

determining whether the determined transmission time value is larger than a reference value; and

storing the determined transmission time
value in said memory area when the determined
transmission time value is equal to or less than said
reference value.